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In re Patent Application of:

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For: MINERAL INSULATED METAL
SHEATH CABLES

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AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002. Filed concurrently filed herewith is a Request for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 together with a check to cover the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 17-20 as follows:

17. (Amended) A cable including an outer metallic sheath with at least one metallic conductor therein, and having a mineral insulation disposed between the outer sheath and the metallic conductor; and

the mineral insulation comprising an MgO insulation having between 3% and 20% by dry weight of a kaolin additive, wherein the kaolin additive prevents moisture from infiltrating the insulation and increases the resistivity of the insulation at high temperatures.

18. (Amended) A process of making a cable, comprising:
providing an outer metallic sheath;
disposing at least one metallic conductor in the metallic sheath;